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For : METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC ENVELOPING
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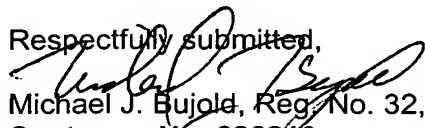
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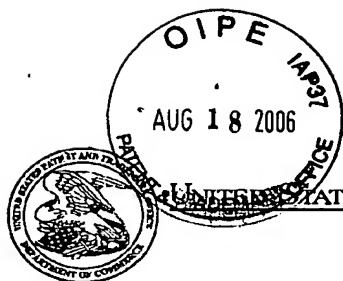
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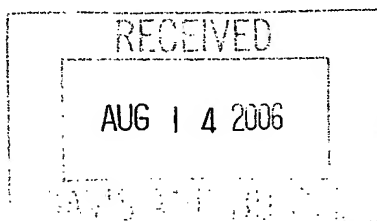


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Foreign Applications

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** SMALL ENTITY **

Title

Method for the automatic ~~enveloping of~~ small items such as documents and device used to implement same

Preliminary Class

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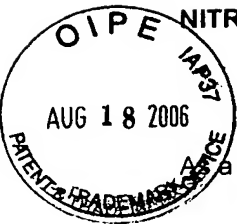
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TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC ENVELOPING OF SMALL ITEMS, SUCH AS DOCUMENTS,
AND DEVICE USED TO IMPLEMENT SAME

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The specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

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